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'T is but from gashes odorous resins well,
 Of healing power, made in the leafy stem,
 Or living trunk of tree in Eastern dell;
 From bruised herbs only fragrant fluids stream.

"Through lacerations takes the spirit wing,
 And in the heart's long death-throe grasps true life,
 And seraph grows, while powers unearthly spring.
 It wraps itself in glory through its strife
 Of flesh and blood, till mortals homage bring,
 And deem it with angelic beauty rife."—p. 11.

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14. — *Christ in History; or, the Central Power among Men.* By ROBERT TURNBULL, D.D. Boston: Phillips, Sampson, & Co. 1854. 12mo. pp. 540.

IF Christ indeed sustains the relations to the Supreme God and the offices toward collective humanity which he claimed to hold, and in which he is received by all Christian believers, then he must needs be in all history. It is impossible that the spiritual teaching and providential leading of man by the Almighty should not, from the very earliest ages, have been in a Christward direction; and equally impossible that the infusion of an element of such transforming power as the Christian revelation and the life and sacrifice of its Author should not thenceforward have tinged the entire current of transactions and events among men. This is the thought which Dr. Turnbull, in the work before us, has illustrated, both in ancient and modern history. The book is scholarly, but not pedantic; grave, yet never dull; redolent of profound religious conviction and feeling, but wholly devoid of cant, exaggeration, and mysticism. "Its form," as the author says, "is rather popular than philosophical"; but, without the abstruseness and technicality, it has the method, precision, and accuracy, of a rigidly philosophical treatise. We regret that we cannot afford room for a more adequate notice of a production equally creditable to the theology and literature of the country.

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15. — *Purple Tints of Paris; Character and Manners in the New Empire.* By BAYLE ST. JOHN. New York: Riker, Thorne, & Co. 1854. 24mo. pp. 446.

THE avowed object of this work is to show how well the Parisians are fitted for the imperial yoke by the absence of all traits that would

qualify them for self-government. The author has performed his task *ad nauseam*. We fear that his representations are too true; but we are sorry to have such loathsome and pernicious details made current in a popular book. Especially must we condemn the gratuitous and disgusting prominence given to the prevailing licentiousness of the French capital.

16. — *Africa and the American Flag*. By Commander ANDREW H. FOOTE, U. S. Navy. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1854. 24mo. pp. 390.

THIS book does honor to the author's head and heart. Its prime object is to illustrate the beneficent influence exerted by the American squadron on the Coast of Africa, in checking the slave-trade, in protecting the institutions of incipient civilization in and around the colonies, and in defending the legitimate commerce of our citizens. With this purpose, Captain Foote enters somewhat at large into the history and statistics of the Guinea Coast, Upper and Lower, and gives a condensed and spirited narrative of the cruise of the United States brig Perry, under his command, in the years 1850 and 1851. The work is characterized by a wise humanity, and contains much information and numerous suggestions that cannot but be of value to all who are interested in plans for the regeneration of Africa.

17. — *The Church: in a Series of Discourses*. By REV. SYLVESTER JUDD, Pastor of Christ Church, Augusta, Maine. Boston: Crosby, Nichols, & Co. 1854. 12mo. pp. 274.

THE object of the Sermons in this volume is to set forth the Christian and ecclesiastical rights of the children of Christian parents,—their right to be regarded and educated as born members of the Church, and to avail themselves from their earliest years of all the benefits and privileges to be derived from the organization and ordinances of the Church. As to the formal portion of the author's theory, there must of course be a wide diversity of opinion; but his clear and masterly exposure of prevalent defects and anomalies in what is called religious education, and his earnest advocacy of the highest standard of early Christian culture, must needs give currency and value to the book beyond the denomination of which he was a member. The Memoir of Mr. Judd,